

Sharks

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A shark is a fish that lives in the sea. They have a bad reputation. Today you will learn about their habitat, behavior, appearance and size.

Most sharks live in the sea but one shark doesn't: The bull shark . It lives in freshwater rivers while all other sharks live in the sea. Reef sharks live in reefs all over the world. A reef is a colorful place in the sea with lots of coral. Other shark species live in really deep water and can see in the water because of their adjustable pupils; meaning their eyes can adjust to the darker light.

Sharks can vary in size going from the smallest shark, the Dwarf Lantern Shark ,to the biggest living shark, the Whale Shark . In prehistoric times the biggest shark that ever lived was the Megalodon: it's teeth were ten times the size of a Great White Shark tooth!

Some sharks are considered the most dangerous animals on the planet but are just misunderstood. Sharks only attack humans because they think we are their prey. For example, when a surfer is swimming out on their board, from below it looks like a seal swimming in the water. Seals are shark's favourite meal. So often, sharks may bite the victim and then release it when they realise it's not their favourite meal after all. Some sharks are friendly and don't attack at all. For example the Whale Shark is called a "Gentle Giant"

because it feeds on Plankton and doesn't hurt anyone (except if you were near its tail, of course, which is huge, strong and powerful and could knock you for six if it caught you).

Sharks come in lots of different colors. They all look different but they all have the essentials: Fins, Gills and tail. Sharks are made of cartilage that stuff your ear is made out of. Sharks have 5 gills and have hundreds of rows of teeth so when one falls out another takes its place from lots of teeth behind it. Whale Sharks have spots on them, Great White Sharks are grey on the top and white on the bottom. A shark's appearance makes it easy to tell which type of shark you are looking at.

So today you have learned about sharks appearance, size, behavior and habitat like how

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Why? This is an interesting fact that you should explain.

Bull Sharks live in freshwater rivers and how sharks are misunderstood creatures and how sharks have lots of teeth and where sharks live.